

REMARKS

This Response is responsive to the Examiner's Letter dated July 11, 2005.

In Examiner's Letter, Examiner stated that Applicant's reply filed on 13, May 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because "Applicant's reply failed to present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render newly presented claim 24 patentable over any applied references."

Patentability of Claim 24 over Applied Levy Reference

Applicant submits that the independent claim 24 is patentable over Levy (US Patent Number 5,197,168).

Applicant's invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward a jewelry clasp. For example, independent claim 24 recites:

"A jewelry clasp comprising,

a first body having a first magnetic means forming a flat, planar, bipolar magnetically attractive surface having a north pole and a south pole on a same side of said surface,

a second body having a second magnetic means forming a bipolar magnetically attractive surface having a north pole and a south pole on a same side of said surface, said magnetic means of said first and second bodies being aligned along a longitudinal centerline of the clasp,

said magnetically attractive surfaces adapted to be positioned in an abutting relationship with the poles of one of the bodies being aligned with the opposite poles of the other body,

a safety catch, said safety catch having one end pivotally mounted to said first body and having a protrusion extending outwardly from the other end, said safety catch being rotatable about the pivotal mounting to a latched position,

wherein the protrusion engages the other body to latch the first and second bodies together.” (Emphasis Added).

Supporting disclosure for Applicant’s jewelry clasp can be found throughout the specification.

Levy does not disclose bipolar magnetically attractive surface having a north pole and a south pole on both (1) the surface of the first body and (2) the surface of the second body. Nor does Levy disclose that the bipolar magnetically attractive surfaces of the first and second bodies are adapted to be positioned in an abutting relationship with the poles of one of the bodies being aligned with the opposite poles of the other body.

Since Levy does not disclose bipolar magnetically attractive surface having a north pole and a south pole on both (1) the surface of the first body and (2) the surface of the second body and Levy does not disclose that the bipolar magnetically attractive surfaces are adapted to be positioned in an abutting relationship with the poles of one of the bodies being aligned with the opposite poles of the other body, Applicant believes that independent claim 24 is patentable over Levy.

CONCLUSION

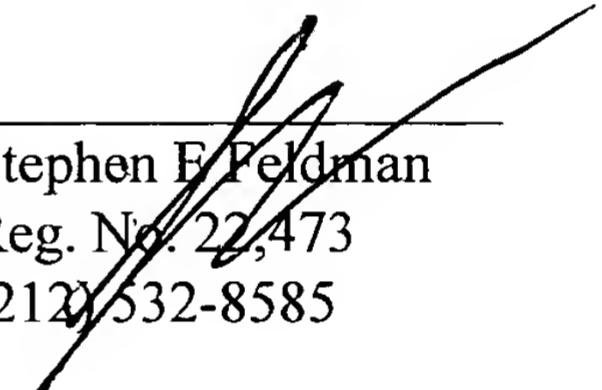
Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 06-0515.

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